



PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

September 6, 2001

Applicant(s): Yoshio SATO

For: DRIVING UNIT OF A WELDING EQUIPMENT

Serial No.: 09/533 554

Group: 2834

Filed: March 22, 2000

Examiner: Perez

Atty. Docket No.: OPS Case 486

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2001,
Applicant amends as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant amends Claims 1, 3-5 and 12 as shown on the
attached marked-up sheets.

✓Claims 2, 6-11 and 16-19 are cancelled without prejudice.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, replacement pages with the
amended claims presented in clean form are attached to this
paper.

REMARKS

The June 6, 2001 Office Action does not acknowledge that
certified copies of Japanese patent applications have been
filed with regard to Applicant's claim for priority. The
certified copies were transmitted on January 10, 2001. Please
acknowledge receipt of the priority documents in the next
Office Action.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted March 21,
2001 has not been officially made of record. Please initial
Form PTO-1449 and return a copy with the next Office Action.
For your convenience, another copy of Form PTO-1449 is
provided herewith. Applicant is certain the Information
Disclosure Statement was considered, as the main reference
relied on to reject the claims in the Office Action was listed
thereon.

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Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] 1 Statement(s) re small entity status submitted previously.
[] Statement(s) re small entity status enclosed.
[] No additional filing fee is required.
[X] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	() LG Entity	RATE	(X) SM Entity	Fee
Basic Fee				\$710.00	\$355.00	\$
Total Claims	(9 - 20 = 0)		x	\$ 18.00	x \$ 9.00	
Indep. Claims	(6 - 3 = 3)		x	\$ 80.00	x \$ 40.00	120.00
[] Multiple Dep. Claim			+	\$270.00	+	\$135.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 120.00

- [X] A Check for \$120.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
[X] Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee or application processing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

IN DUPLICATE

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Tumm

Encl: Listed above

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on September 6, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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